

## **PORTLAND FREIGHT COMMITTEE NOTES**

### **Meeting No. 227**

WHEN: Thursday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 7:30 AM

WHERE: Virtual Zoom Meeting



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#### **Time:**

#### **Topic:**

#### **Lead:**

**7:30 AM**

**Welcome and Zoom Meeting Protocol:  
Minutes approved.**

**Gabriela Giron / Mark Lear**

**Jana Jarvis / All**

**7:35 AM**

**Hot Topics, Points of Interest:**

- Mark announced that PBOT is looking at the new Rail Crossing Elimination Grant as an opportunity for potential planning or project development grant for key at-grade crossing locations.
- Tim Collins from Metro mentioned that they had completed the Regional Freight model as part of the commodity movement study. He plans to return in October and share some of the model output.

**7:45 AM**

**Interstate Bridge Replacement – Locally Preferred  
Alternative**

**Patrick Sweeney (PBOT),  
Ray Mabey, John (IBR  
Team)**

- The IBR team provided a project update as they were preparing to take the modified locally preferred alternative to their local/regional agency partners, boards, councils, and commissions to get approval. They will present to Portland's City Council on July 13th.
- John explained that getting the CC approval of the LAP and the endorsement of the local/regional agency partners are necessary to move into the supplemental environmental analysis draft.
- John mentioned that they are coordinating with the Coast Guard to identify the best bridge design to accommodate the river's navigational needs while promoting better air travel and mobility for all road users.

**8:30 AM**

**Modal Committee Review Process**

**Francesca Jones, Denver  
Igarta (PBOT)**

- The Modal Committee Review Process team discussed the following items:
  - The evaluation process will develop a joint statement and a list of objectives. It will also create a set of alternatives for a new modal committee structure.
  - The proposed alternatives will return to the modal committees to evaluate the associated pros, cons, and trade-offs.
  - Any changes in modal committee structure are a decision of the City Council as our modal committees are Council-established committees.
- Francesca Jones reviewed the feedback provided by the PFC members over the last month regarding what is working, what should change? When it comes to the City's modal committees.

- The team compile additional feedback on these topics better to identify potential improvements for the City's modal committees.

**8:45 AM FAST STOP Pilot**

**Peter Wojcicki (PBOT)**

- Peter Wojcicki discussed the results of the Fast Stop Pilot, which evaluated short-term curb access by installing five-minute pickup/drop-off spaces to help support businesses amid the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The spaces were designed to provide convenient and reliable parking spaces for:
  - Customers picking up take-out food at restaurants,
  - Food and retail services drivers,
  - Drivers dropping off or picking up passengers, and
  - Anyone needing to park for 5 minutes or less.
- Peter shared that the pilot showed significant improvement (e.g., curb occupancy, business access, dwell time, and parking compliance) for study areas with high parking demand. Therefore, their goal is to implement a follow-up study better to understand the dynamic nature of short-term curb use.

**9:00 AM HVUT Funds Update**

**Mark Lear, Zef Wagner (PBOT)**

- Zef Wagner mentioned that the Bridge Investment Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was released, competitive grant which provides a \$12.5 billion nationwide program for bridge planning, replacement, and rehabilitation project.
- Zeff shared that the staff proposal is to spend \$400k of HVUT to develop three bridges grants and replacement through a consultant contract:
  - o N Burgard Rd Viaduct over UP Railroad – Old bridge seismically vulnerable, in danger of weight restriction, carries an extensive water line and obsolete design.
  - o N Columbia Blvd Bridges over N Portland Rd & BNSF Railroad - A three separate structure bridge that is aging, seismically vulnerable, a barrier to over-dimensional freight, in danger of weight restriction, and has a high risk of failure.
  - o 33rd Ave Bridge over UP Railroad and Flyover Ramp over Columbia Blvd - Two separate but connected structures that are aging, seismically vulnerable, at high risk of failure, and present safety issues.
- Zef highlighted the fourth staff project recommendation of the HVUT funds: Nikolai Sherlock Over-dimensional Truck Route pavement repair as an alternative over-dimension route.
- The staff will come back in September to discuss the PFC support for Burgard Bridge project grant for the Bridge Investment Program.

**9:10 AM PBOT Summer Construction Update**

**Steve Szigethy, Winston Sandino (PBOT)**

- Steve Szigethy provided an overview of the proposed construction schedule of PBOT Capital Construction Projects in the Columbia Corridor, which included:
  - o 33<sup>rd</sup> Bridge Repair,
  - o NE Cornfoot Road Paving, Guardrail and Illumination improvements,
  - o NE 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave Lombard Bridge reconstruction,
  - o Columbia/Alderwood/Cully intersections improvement and
  - o NE 46th Ave & Bryant St. LID.
- Steve addressed the concern about having the capital projects construction and repair activities in the Columbia corridor overlapping by going through the PBOT's construction timeline for these projects.

**9:25 AM      Public Comment**

- Sean Philbrook, Vice President of Programs Identity Clark County, mentioned his group had conducted a survey to capture private stakeholders' feedback on the IBR project. He mentioned that he would distribute a written report of their survey results to the committee members at a future date.
- Gabriela Giron (PBOT) mentioned that the 2040Freight team would send a survey link to the PFC member to request feedback on the strategy/actions and prioritization strategy.

**9:30 AM      Adjourn**

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